NOTE XVIII.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF THE LEPIDOPTEROUS GENUS THESTIAS

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Thestias Weelei, nov. spec. ♀.

Uppersurface of body black-gray; undersurface of head with palpi and of thorax pale yellow, that of abdomen white; legs yellow, tarsi brownish; antennae black above, white beneath, the tip pale brown; eyes brown.

The base of the forewing is covered with a grayish brown dust; the top is equally black-brown with a narrow short orange-yellow slightly curved band, beginning at the centre of the costa (where the colour is more pure yellow) and followed by two transverse larger orange-yellow spots, of which the first is provided near the outer margin with a black-brown spot; the second is dissolved into two small orange-yellow spots. The colour of the undescribed triangular part of the forewing is yellowish white.

The hindwings are yellowish white, with a broad fallow black-brown margin; the line of demarkation between the two colours is crenulated; the extreme base is diffusely covered with a grayish brown dust.

The undersurface of the wings is light yellow, marbled with brown exactly like in the ♀ of *Th. Piepersii* Snell. *Th. Weelei* however has in the brown spots a small whitish centre, situated upon the nervures. Moreover the new species is allied to *Th. malum sinicum* Thieme, from the island of Nias.

Wing-expansion 50 mm.

The Leyden Museum possesses one female specimen, found in the collection brought together in the Dutch East-Indies by the late Dr. H. W. van der Weele. It has been captured by him in the island of Sabang, north of Sumatra, on 21 April 1909.

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